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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE APRIL 17:

WARDEN MILTON SCRIBNER, UNITY: BLACK DUCKS ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL THIS SPRING.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: VERY GOOD SALMON FISHING IN DAMARISCOTTA LAKE. ALL THE SALMON CHECKED SEEM TO BE OF THREE DISTINCT SIZES SHOWING THREE DIFFERENT STOCKINGS. RABBITS ARE SHOWING UP IN THE DIRT ROADS NOW IN THE EVENINGS.

WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE, RICHMOND: ON SUNDAY APRIL 18, A MUTE SWAN WAS REPORTED SEEN WITH SOME GEESE IN THE KENNEBEC RIVER AT SOUTH GARDINER. ACCORDING TO U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENT BRAWN, THIS SWAN COULD BE THE SAME ONE SIGHTED IN THE PISCATAQUIS RIVER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: SEVERAL FIVE-POUND TOGUE HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT THE INLET TO COBBOSSEE LAKE THIS MONTH. BROOKS ARE LOW BUT TROUT BEING TAKEN. NOT AS MUCH INTEREST IN FISHING THIS SPRING AS IN YEARS PAST.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: WHITE PERCH ARE SHOWING UP IN THE VILLAGE. THEY ARE NOW CATCHING SOME LARGE ONES ON THE UPPER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. QUITE A FEW TROUT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT THE MOUTH OF MILL STREAM IN LONG POND.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: RAIN HAS BROUGHT THE WATER UP IN THE BROOKS AND STREAMS. FISHING ACTIVITY FAIRLY SLOW. HAVE NOT SEEN MANY FISH YET. STILL GETTING DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS, AND SOME NIGHT HUNTING GOING ON. LAST WEEK A HUNTER BADLY WOUNDED A DOE DEER IN MERCER, WHICH HAD TO BE DISPOSED OF. SHE WAS CARRYING THREE BUCK FAWNS. THIS MAKES FOUR DEER DESTROYED WITH ONE SHOT! THIS HUNTER WAS APPREHENDED AND CONVICTED AFTER A WEEK'S INVESTIGATION.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, APRIL 20:

WARDEN LEON AYER, FARMINGTON: FISHING ACTIVITY IS VERY SLOW. DEER ARE SHOWING VERY WELL IN FIELDS AND ROADS. HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON FOUR DEPARTMENT-OWNED CANOES WHICH WARDEN LAWRENCE ELLIS AND I HAVE REBUILT THIS SPRING.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: HAVE BEEN CHECKING FOR DOGS MOST OF THE WEEK, WITH SEVERAL NEW REPORTS COMING IN.

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WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: APRIL 16, I WALKED OUT ON THE TOWN DOCK IN RANGELEY AND OBSERVED AN ARCTIC OWL PERCHED ON THE ICE RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE DOCK. HE WAS FEEDING ON A BLACK DUCK WHICH WAS ABOUT HALF EATEN. THE OWL LOOKED UP, SAW ME, AND TOOK OFF. SMELT RUNNING WELL AT UPPER DAM. MILL BROOK STARTING TO PICK UP A LITTLE. INDIAN ROCK STILL TRICKLING ALONG.

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, OQUOSSOC: SNOW-SLEDS ARE AS THICK AS AUTOMOBILES ON A HIGHWAY ON THE ROAD TO UPPER DAM. OVER TWENTY-FIVE MACHINES MADE THE TRIP SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 16. SALMON ARE STARTING TO SHOW A LITTLE AROUND THE PIERS AT UPPER DAM.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: THE SMELT BEGAN TO RUN AT BRYANT POND ON APRIL 13 WHICH IS ABOUT A WEEK EARLY. THE OTHER RUNS HAVE NOT STARTED YET. THIS IS UNUSUAL AS THEY OFTEN START TOGETHER.

FROM SUPERVISOR SHAW APRIL 27:

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: SMELT RUN SEEMS TO BE POOR HERE THIS YEAR. TWO LAKES WITH NONE AT ALL, ONE WITH VERY FEW, AND THE BRYANT POND RUN SEEMS TO BE OFF, COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR. THE ICE IS GETTING PRETTY WELL OUT OF THE LAKES.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: SMELT HAVE BEEN RUNNING FOR NEARLY THREE WEEKS NOW, BUT STILL NOT RUNNING STRONG. TEMPERATURES GO DOWN AS LOW AS 10 DEGREES AT NIGHT. THIS SEEMS TO KEEP THE SMELT FROM GOING FULL BLAST.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: NO PONDS FREE OF ICE IN THIS DISTRICT (4-24-65). SMELTS RUNNING VERY LITTLE AT WORTHLEY POND. STILL WORKING DOG COMPLAINTS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, APRIL 26:

COLD WEATHER HAS NOT IMPROVED THE FISHING THIS PAST WEEK, NOR HAS IT HELPED THE LAKES TO THROW OFF THEIR ICE BLANKET. MATTANAWCOOK LAKE AND CARIBOU LAKE IN LINCOLN DID CLEAR OF ICE. WE HAD THREE DEER KILLED BY CARS THIS WEEK, TWO OF THEM WERE DOES. EACH WAS CARRYING TWO FAWNS. WE ALSO HAD A VERY BIG MALE OTTER KILLED BY A CAR AT DOLBY FLOWAGE OUTSIDE OF MILLINOCKET. WE ARE HAVING TWO VERY GOOD SMELT RUNS IN THE MILLINOCKET AREA.

I HAVE OBSERVED A GREAT MANY DUCKS THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION. ALSO A GOOD AMOUNT OF WOODCOCK. HUNTERS ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW SOME INTEREST IN SPRING BEAR HUNTING. ONE YOUTHFUL HUNTER (20) FROM MASSACHUSETTS WAS SUCCESSFUL IN BAGGING A 150-POUND BEAR IN CARROLL. HE SPENT THREE NIGHTS IN HIS SLEEPING BAG SO AS TO BE ON THE HUNTING GROUNDS AT DAYBREAK. HE CLAIMED HE MISSED A CHANCE AT AN EVEN BIGGER BEAR BY OVERSLEEPING ONE OF THE MORNINGS. WE ARE STILL HAVING DOG TROUBLES.

WARDEN CLYDE SPEED, ENFIELD: STILL HAVING SOME DOG TROUBLES.

FISHERMEN, MOSTLY BOYS, HAVE BEEN CATCHING SOME VERY NICE TROUT FROM COLD STREAM. WHILE CHECKING TRAPPERS ON THE PENOBSCOT RIVER NEAR PASSADUMKEAG ON APRIL 9, THERE WAS A LARGE SCHOOL OF FISH THAT SEEMED TO BE GOING DOWN RIVER. THEY WERE JUMPING OVER QUITE A LARGE AREA. WONDER IF IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE ATLANTIC SALMON THAT WE RELEASED IN THE PISCATAQUIS RIVER?

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR W. L. ATKINS, DIV. H, PRESQUE ISLE, APRIL 21:

WARDEN MAYNARD PELLETIER, CARIBOU: RATHER QUIET THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT THIS PAST WEEK. GETTING A LOT OF CALLS REGARDING BOAT REGISTRATIONS AND FISHING REGULATIONS. IT LOOKS LIKE SPRING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 17, I SAW SIX SNOW GEESE IN A FIELD AT THE SODERGREN FARM IN T.16,R.4.

WARDEN MAURICE GORDON, MASARDIS: ROBINS HAVE RETURNED THIS WEEK, AND I ALSO SAW A PAIR OF MOURNING DOVES. ICE IN THE AROOSTOOK RIVER IS STARTING TO SHOW SIGNS OF GOING OUT. DEER ARE SHOWING UP IN FIELDS IN OXBOW. WOODS ROADS ARE VERY SOFT NOW, FOLLOWING THIS WEEK'S SHOWERS.

WARDEN IVAN PORTER, ASHLAND: DOG COMPLAINTS STARTING TO BE RECEIVED IN THIS AREA. ICE IS STARTING TO LEAVE THE AROOSTOOK RIVER.

WARDEN JIM CAMERON, MONTICELLO: THE SNOWSTORM WE GOT THIS WEEK SLOWED THE FISHING ACTIVITY ALMOST TO A STANDSTILL.

WARDEN HAROLD SINCLAIR, FORT FAIRFIELD: DOGS RUNNING DEER IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD HAVE TAKEN UP ABOUT ALL THE TIME THIS PAST WEEK. THE BIG DIFFICULTY IN CONTROLLING SAME HAS BEEN IN IDENTIFICATION, AS ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE DOGS IN THIS AREA ARE GERMAN SHEPHERDS. HEAVY RAINS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 16, PUT FISHING TO A NEAR STANDSTILL THIS WEEK END.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, APRIL 25:

SMELT STARTED RUNNING AT CROSS LAKE APRIL 21, AND HAVE INCREASED SOME EACH NIGHT AT THE THOROUGHFARE AND DICKEY BROOK. WE HAVE NOT OBSERVED ANY FEMALE SMELT YET. PEOPLE STILL COME LONG DISTANCES EVENTHOUGH THE TEMPERATURE WAS JUST ABOVE 20 DEGREES EACH NIGHT. A FEW SALMON ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE SMALL OPENINGS AT CROSS, MUD, AND LONG LAKES. THE FISHING HAS BEEN SLOW TO FAIR AT SOLDIER POND AND THE FISH RIVER TO FORT KENT. THE IRVING LUMBER CO. HAS MADE AN ATTEMPT TO GET ITS LOG DRIVE STARTED ON THE LITTLE BLACK RIVER, BUT THE WATER IS VERY LOW, AND LITTLE PROGRESS IS BEING REALIZED. THE MAIN ST. JOHN STILL HAS TWO ICE JAMS ABOVE THE LITTLE BLACK, AND THE WATER IS SO LOW THEY WILL NOT MOVE DOWN THE RIVER. MOST OF THE LOGS ARE ABOVE THE TWO ICE JAMS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J. BINGHAM, APRIL 22:

WATER IS VERY LOW THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION, BOTH IN LAKES AND STREAMS. ICE COVER IS STILL HEAVY. ABOUT A FOOT OF SNOW IN THE NORTH, AND ROADS ARE GENERALLY GOOD FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR DUE TO LACK OF RAIN. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL AND ARE IN FINE CONDITION. WE SHOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT POPULATION THIS FALL. BLACK DUCKS AND A FEW WOODCOCK ARE RETURNING TO NESTING AREAS. A RECENT 10-INCH SNOWFALL REMINDED US THAT SPRING IS NOT YET HERE.

WARDEN MIKE COLLINS, THE FORKS: TROUT ARE BEGINNING TO COME WELL FROM THE RECLAIMED PONDS. ANY CRACK BIG ENOUGH TO GET A LINE THROUGH IS BEING FISHED. WATCHED ONE FELLOW HOOK A FISH THAT HE COULDN'T GET UP THROUGH THE CRACK. AFTER A HALF-HOUR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER FISHERMEN, HE DID WORK THE FISH, A THREE-QUARTER-POUND TROUT, THROUGH AND ONTO THE ICE.